GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Cotton Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acreage and production of cotton has increased in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for promotion of cotton cultivation and production in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has provided any technological, financial, institutional assistance to the Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project, Coimbatore to conduct basic strategic applied research and establish Centre for Cotton Excellence in Cotton growing States during the said period, if so, the details thereof along with the details regarding Centres for Cotton Excellence established/likely to be established in the country and justification for selection of the locations;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any area limit for providing compensation for the loss of cotton crop on account of natural calamities in the country, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the cotton farmers in the country;

(d) the efforts of the Union Government to introduce good cotton growing practices in the country along with the vision for increasing cotton production in the country; and

(e) the details of technological, financial and institutional help provided to the States by the Union Government for increasing cotton production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The area & production of cotton in the country from 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as under:-

Year	Area (Lakh ha)	Production (Lakh tones)
2013-14	119.60	359.02
2014-15	128.19	348.05
2015-16*	118.59	306.92

* 2nd Advance estimates
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Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare promotes cotton cultivation under National Food Security Mission in 15 major cotton growing States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal from 2014-15 onwards. The State-wise allocation of funds for cotton from 2014-15 to 2016-17 is at Annexure-I.

(b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has given technical & financial assistance to Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP) on Cotton and Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) during 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 as under:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Schemes	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
CICR	198.23	219.57	504.51
AICCIP	1209.70	1150.00	1519.99
TMC	376.84	379.98	260.00

There is no proposal from ICAR-CICR/AICCIP to establish "Centre of Excellence" for cotton.

(c): Government provides input subsidy to the farmers who suffer crop loss due to natural calamities from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and Natural Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). Under SDRF/NDRF, input subsidy is provided in cases where crop loss is 33% or more. As per norms, assistance is given @ Rs. 6800/- per hectare in the rainfed areas restricted to sown area and Rs. 13500/- per hectare in assured irrigated areas subject to minimum assistance not less than Rs. 1000 and restricted to sown areas for the farmers having land holding less than 2 ha. Above assistance is also given to the farmers having land holding more than 2 ha subject to a ceiling 2 ha per farmer.

(d) & (e): In order to transfer latest technologies & best practices to cotton growers, State Department of Agriculture, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) conduct Front Line Demonstration (FLD) on Integrated Crop Management (ICM), Desi Cotton, Extra Long Staple Cotton, High Density Planting System, Intercropping, Insecticide Resistant Management for increasing cotton production under National Food Security Mission (NFSM). Besides, the State support cotton cultivation under Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Yojana (RKVY).

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research has a national network called E-KAPAS of around 2 lakh cotton farmers across the country to whom weekly voice mail advisories are sent. Good cotton practices are also broadcast to farmers at weekly intervals all through the season through the CICR website.